

Easterling, Deborah

From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 9:23 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: DOCKET ND-2015-20-E

Dear Ms. Sinatro,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your email will become a part of ND-2015-20-E - Duke Energy Carolinas: Foothills Transmission and Substation Project- 45-Mile Transmission Line Between Asheville, NC, Power Plant and New Substation Near Campobello, SC, and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Administrative Coordinator

From: Boyd, Jocelyn
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 8:27 AM
To: Duke, Daphne; Easterling, Deborah; DeSanty, Tricia
Subject: FW: DOCKET ND-2015-20-E

From: Bonnie [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2015 9:36 PM
To: Boyd, Jocelyn
Subject: DOCKET ND-2015-20-E

Ms Boyd,

I have attached as well as copied below an email I sent today to Duke Energy regarding my position on the proposed High Voltage Transmission Line. I know that Duke has recently filed an application with the South Carolina Public Service Commission. I am hoping the Commission takes into account the comments and opinions of the people this project will impact when it reaches a decision. I understand you are the point person to receive this, please let me know if I can or need to anything further to make my voice heard with the SCPSC.

Thank you,
Bonnie Sinatro

email sent 8/23/2015 to wcmmodernization@duke-energy.com:

I am a resident of White Oak Mountain in Columbus, North Carolina. Leg #5 of Duke's Asheville-Foothills proposed transmission line will cross the entirety of our mountain as well as several adjoining mountains. I am writing this email to let Duke Energy decision-makers know how extremely upset and worried I am about not only what will affect me and my property directly but the entire project itself.

My understanding is that Duke is a company which provides a service. A valuable and necessary service but to a captive audience. However, I would like to think that this public utilities company takes into account not only the good will and support of the people it serves, but the impact it has on the environment.

Let's start at the ground level with the plants and animals who inhabit the environment the line will traverse. Let's imagine the effect the construction equipment, personnel, noise, pollution, pollutants and deforestation will have on every living

thing in the swath needed for this project. Utter destruction will be the result not only at the site itself but in the areas surrounding it down to the last living seed and microbe in the soil beneath the towers. This part of the environment will never be healed since pesticides will be used in perpetuity. I'm sure I don't need to tell you this since apparently you have biological experts who have briefed you on these very facts. Of all of the many reasons there are to be horrified at the concept of this transmission line, it is the permanent impact on the environment, wherever it ends up, that is of the greatest concern to me. Our earth is so very fragile and has undergone so much man-made damage that I simply cannot believe a company that claims to encourage green practices actually expects its customers to condone this project in the name of "progress".

Now let us turn to the reason given for this "progress" in the first place. A supposed but unproven 15% increase in population in the near or perhaps distant future. And yet property values have already been dramatically damaged by the mere announcement that the HVTL is being considered. No one wants to move TO an area contaminated in any way (and there are many types of contamination) by this line. In fact, population may actually decrease with residents having to abandon farms, horse properties, businesses. In fact, many real estate deals have fallen apart in the short month since the announcement was made public.

I'm guessing you've become aware recently of the reasons most people live in this beautiful, pristine Foothills area. They are drawn to the scenic beauty and the abundance of natural resources that surround us. It drew the early farmers and settlers and it continues to beckon all who wish to live closer to the natural world. My husband and I bought our property 13 years ago with the idea of building a family cabin that would be a place of peace and nature, not only for us but for our four children and future grandchildren. It has been that and much much more for all of us these past years. We are now retired here after many years of working, raising a family and contributing to our community. Please do not bespoil the lifestyle we have worked hard for.

In short, we ask not only that you do not build the horrific, mountain-spanning line #5, but that this whole project be scrapped and reconsidered. If and when a population increase warrants a restructure in the amount of electricity provided to our area, there are other methods to explore that do not depend on a non-renewable resource and environmental devastation. Please listen to the voices of the people you serve and those who will have to sacrifice homes, properties, livelihoods and businesses to this project.

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